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Dear Senators,

I am writing in regards to Michigan adopting the Adam Walsh Act of 2006. I personally am dealing with a Registered Sex Offender being allowed near my son's preschool during school hours. My son goes to a Christian preschool that is attached to a local church. My concern is a parent of my son's classmate is a Registered Sex Offender and was allowed to work at the church during school hours unsupervised. The church was aware that he is a Registered Sex Offender. I spoke to the local Michigan State Police and the Sgt. Informed me that under current Michigan law a Registered Sex Offender can be around preschools. However, they are not allowed to be within 1000ft from a K-12 school. This parent was eventually let go from the church because it is close to an elementary school. I am appalled that this is allowed. Preschoolers are the most vulnerable and most preyed upon age groups by pedophiles. It is inconceivable to me that this has been allowed for so long.

My other concern is that this parent is allowed to worship at the church during preschool hours. I spoke with the local Michigan State Police and they informed me that he is allowed to worship anytime even if it is within 1000ft of a K-12 school. The whole point of the law is to keep Registered Sex Offenders away from children. This loop hole needs to be fixed. Again, this parent is now being allowed to wander the church where the preschool is unsupervised. The current law states he can't loiter. As long as he says he is there to worship he can hang out there all day. We don't know what the trigger is for this parent. Is it the blue eyed little girl with curly blonde hair? Is it the brown hair boy? Why is this person allowed to be around all this temptation? It doesn't take but a second of not being able to control his thoughts and perpetrate again.

I now have a tough decision to make. Do I leave my son there and know who the Registered Sex Offender is or do I transfer schools and hope there is not another Registered Sex Offender that is taking advantage of this loop hole. We need to do WHATEVER it takes to protect our children from Registered Sex Offenders. They have already proven that they are not trustworthy and can't obey the law. Why should they have more rights and be protected by the government more than my 3 year old son?

I hope that you can understand how important it is to adopt the Adam Walsh Act of 2006. If it saves 1 child from being abused why not adopt it? Let's prove that our children our future is the most important thing to us.

I am an RN and can find a job in any state. If Michigan doesn't adopt this act I am seriously considering moving to a state that will protect my child. My husband is in the automotive industry. We have stayed in Michigan with this hard economy. My husband was laid off for 3 months. It won't take much for us to move. We stay here because we love Michigan but, we love our child even more. If it means moving we will. It won't be a hard choice because it's not a choice to protect our child. It will be done at all costs.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement to support adopting the Adam Walsh Act of 2006. I pray that you make the right choice and chose our children the most precious gift there is.



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